(ZNS) ATTORNEY MARK LANE, A LONG-TIME RESEARCHER INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, IS SUGGESTING THAT THE F.B.I. MAY HAVE PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE 1968 ASSASSINATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JUNIOR.

LANE, IN A COPYRIGHTED ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON NEWSWORKS , ALLEGES THAT NEW EVIDENCE HAS SURFACED WHICH INDICATES THAT DOCTOR KING'S POLICE PROTECTION WAS DELIBERATELY WITHDRAWN JUST MOMENTS BEFORE HE WAS ASSASSINATED IN MEMPHIS.

ACCORDING TO LANE, THE SECURITY SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND EVEN AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE F.B.I.

LANE SAYS HE HAS INTERVIEWED A MEMPHIS DETECTIVE NAMED ED REDDIT, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO PROTECT KING SHORTLY BEFORE THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER WAS SHOT TO DEATH. REDDIT IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT JUST HOURS BEFORE THE KILLING, HE WAS ORDERED BY HIS SUPERIORS AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO REMOVE HIMSELF FROM THE KING CASE AND TO RETURN TO HIS OWN HOME.

REDDIT REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO LEAVE KING'S SECURITY DETAIL, AND THEN WAS VIRTUALLY PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST UNTIL AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OCCURRED.

LANE SAYS THAT TWO OTHER BLACK MEMPHIS FIREMEN ON THE KING DETAIL WERE ALSO ABRUPTLY TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE ASSASSINATION AREA JUST BEFORE THE KILLING OCCURRED.

ACCORDING TO LANE, THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING KING'S SECURITY FORCE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN MEMPHIS, FRANK HOLLOMAN.

HOLLOMAN IS A FORMER F.B.I. OFFICIAL WHO HAD WORKED PERSONALLY WITH J. EDGAR HOOVER DURING THE F.B.I.'S EARLIER EFFORTS TO DISCREDIT KING.

LANE QUOTES ANOTHER FORMER F.B.I. AGENT, ARTHUR MURTAGH, AS REPORTING THAT AGENTS IN THE ATLANTA OFFICE (QUOTE) "LITERALLY JUMPED FOR JOY" WHEN THEY LEARNED KING HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED. ACCORDING TO LANE, THIS SAME ATLANTA F.B.I. OFFICE A FEW DAYS LATER HEADED UP THE ENTIRE FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE KING MURDER CASE -- ZODIAC * * * (MORE)